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1. AS SEPTEL REPORTS, ROKG ECONOMIC SUCCESSES IN 1976 HAVE LED IT TO SCHEDULE A PURCHASING MISSION TO THE U.S. EARLY IN APRIL. APPROXIMATELY 20 LEADING BUSINESSMEN WILL BE PART OF THE MISSION AND WILL BE LEAVING KOREA IN LATE MARCH AS INDIVIDUALS FOLLOWING ITINERARIES AS WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE. THEY PLAN TO MEET FIRST AS A GROUP IN CHICAGO ON APRIL 3, GO ON TO ATLANTA AND JOIN UP WITH THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 12.

2. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHANG YIE-JOON PERSONALLY REQUESTED DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASING MISSION. HE REMEMBERS THAT FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE VAN GESSEL WAS MOST HELPFUL TO A PAST ROK PURCHASING MISSION.

3. MINISTER CHANG PLANS TO DEPART SEOUL ON APRIL 4
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AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMERCE MINISTERS' MEETING IN CANADA ON APRIL 6 AND 7. HE EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON LATE ON THE 7TH AND SPEND THE 8TH AND 11TH IN CONSULTATIONS. HE HAS REQUESTED US TO ASK FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, DEPUTY SECRETARY HABIB, TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, STR REPRESENTATIVE STRAUSS, CEA CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ, FEDERAL MARITIME ADMINISTRA-

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TION CHAIRMAN BAKKE, EXIM CHAIRMAN DUBRUL, AND FORMER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON. HE WILL ALSO BE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AND PERHAPS SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN. HE HAS ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT COOPERATE WITH THE KOREAN EMBASSY IN SETTING THESE EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTMENTS UP.

4. THE MINISTER PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON LATE ON THE EVENING OF THE 11TH OR EARLY ON THE 12TH, ALTHOUGH IF THE SCHEDULE REQUIRES AND A DECISION IS REACHED EARLY ENOUGH, HE MAY BE WILLING TO STAY ANOTHER DAY IN WASHINGTON. ASSUMING HE DOES NOT, HE PLANS TO MEET WITH THE KOREA-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND THE PURCHASING MISSION ON THE 12TH. HE WILL LEAVE NEW YORK ON THE 13TH FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND DEPART SAN FRANCISCO ON THE 14TH.
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